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1. THESSALONIKI WAS HIT WITH THREE STRONG
TREMORS DURING EARLY MORNING HOURS THIS MORNING,
JULY 5, ONE OF WHICH FELT STRONGER THAN THE
5 RICHTER SCALE REPORTED IN TODAY'S
PRESS. THE OTHER TWO SHOCKS COMING WITHIN MINUTES
OF THE FIRST WERE RECORDED AT 4.3 AND 4.1 . DURING
THE PREVIOUS NIGHT THREE TREMORS OF 4.3 TO 4.4
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STRUCK THE CITY WITHIN THREE MINUTES. THESE
SHOCKS, PARTICULARLY THE STRONGEST OF THE SIX,
HAVE ONCE AGAIN UNNERVED THE ENTIRE CITY AND WILL
PROBABLY SET BACK BY SEVERAL WEEKS THE RESUMPTION
OF NORMAL ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY. WHILE
NO DEATHS OR MAJOR DAMAGE HAVE BEEN REPORTED,
A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF RUBLE ONCE AGAIN HAS

FILLED THE CITY'S STREETS. THE CONGEN HAS BEEN FURTHER DAMAGED, PARTICULARLY IN THE TOP FLOOR APARTMENTS, ALTHOUGH THE NEW DAMAGE, LIKE THE PREVIOUS, DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE STRUCTURAL. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO HAVE ENGINEERS LOOK AT THE NEW DAMAGE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

2. THE THREE USGA SEISMOLOGISTS WHO ARRIVED ONE WEEK AGO DEPARTED FOR ATHENS AND THE UNITED STATES AFTER HAVING COMPLETED THEIR INVESTIGATIONS. STILL REMAINING ARE TWO USGS EXPERTS WHO HAVE PLACED 10 SEISMOGRAPHS IN POINTS NORTH AND WEST OF THESSALONIKI. IN TWO DAYS' TIME THE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE SEISMOGRAPHS WILL BEGIN TO GIVE A PROFILE OF THE RECENT SERIES OF QUAKE. THE SEISMOLOGISTS BELIEVE THAT DURING NORMAL POST TREMOR PATTERN THERE SHOULD BE A SERIES OF SHOCKS IN THE 4 AND 5 RANGE BEFORE THEY DIMINISH TO LESSER SHOCKS. THE RECENT SERIES OF SIX TREMORS SHOULD BE PART OF SUCH A PATTERN.

3. DIRECTORS OF THE AMERICAN SCHOOLS IN THESSALONIKI ESTIMATE THE FOLLOWING AMOUNT OF EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE TO THEIR BUILDINGS:

AMERICAN FARM SCHOOL 31,000 DOLLARS

ANATOLIA COLLEGE 150,000 DOLLARS

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PINEWOOD UNDER 1,000 DOLLARS. BOTH ANATOLIA AND AMERICAN FARM SCHOOL ARE SUBMITTING TO AID REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN REPAIRING THEIR BUILDINGS. THIS WILL BE IN ADDITION TO THE AMOUNTS REQUESTED BY THESE SCHOOLS FOR THE PRESENT FISCAL YEAR. THE CHAIRMAN OF PINEWOOD INFORMED US THAT ALTHOUGH THE DAMAGE APPEARS RELATIVELY MINOR THE BUILDING HAS NOT AS YET BEEN INSPECTED BY A STRUCTURAL ENGINEER. ZACHARY

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